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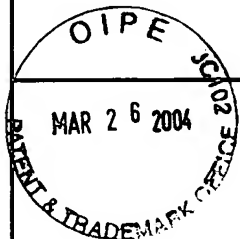
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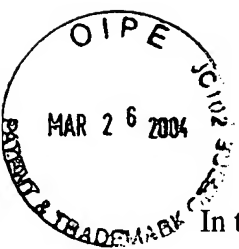
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Also, according to 1.98(a)(3)(i), a concise explanation is listed below, as it is presently understood, of each foreign patent document not in the English language.

Please consider the following published art:

German Utility Model No. DE 29909268U1, September 9, 1999, is cited and discussed at page 2, paragraph 4 of the specification;

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	DE19846475 A1	04/13/2000	DE			✓	
	DE 29909270 U1	09/09/1999	DE				✓
	DE 29909268 U1	09/09/1999	DE				✓

## OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)


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